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In Re the Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1771  
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Serial No.: 09/621,830 ) Examiner: Singh, Arti R.  
Filed: July 24, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 6580  
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For: "FLOCKED TRANSFER AND ARTICLE )  
OF MANUFACTURE INCLUDING THE )  
FLOCKED TRANSFER"

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Serial No. 09/735,721 filed Dec. 13, 2000	Serial No. 10/613,981 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 09/629,746 filed July 31, 2000	Serial No. 10/614,340 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/394,357 filed March 21, 2003	Serial No. 10/613,982 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/265,206 filed October 4, 2002	Serial No. 10/614,399 filed July 3, 2003
Serial No. 10/455,541 filed June 4, 2003	Serial No. 10/670,091 filed Sept. 23, 2003
Serial No. 10/455,575 filed June 4, 2003	

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	AD	10/455,575		Abrams			06/04/03
	AE	09/629,746		Abrams			07/31/00
	AF	10/394,357		Abrams			03/21/03
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